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Dear Mr Bailey

I am writing to you with regard to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill), which is currently before the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee (the Committee) for consideration.

I thank the Committee for the work undertaken to date in considering the Bill. I note the significant level of stakeholder feedback that the Bill has received, particularly with regard to proposed reforms about School Disciplinary Absences (SDA) and home education regulation.

As Minister for Education, I consider it essential to make sure that reforms supporting the delivery of a first-class education system for all Queensland children and young people can be delivered in a way that reflects the varied perspectives of stakeholders and makes sure that our children are at the centre of any reforms.

Taking into account the significant stakeholder feedback on these two areas, the Government has determined that the proposed SDA and home education reforms, with the exception of the home education guiding principle, should not proceed through the Queensland Parliament at this time. Instead, further consultation will occur with relevant stakeholders to share views and enable re-consideration of the Government's direction on these two important areas of public policy.

Therefore, I wish to advise the Committee that I will take action to remove the SDA and relevant home education provisions from the Bill, through consideration in detail.

Subject to the recommendations of the Committee in the report due to be tabled on 19 April 2024, and pending the Government's response to these, I intend that the remaining matters in the Bill will proceed for Parliamentary consideration.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Cathi Collier, Chief of Staff of my office, on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

I thank the Committee again for its consideration of the Bill and look forward to the Committee's Report on the Bill once tabled.

Yours sincerely

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